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For: BENDING RESISTANT MALE CONNECTOR FOR A GUIDE WIRE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 as follows:

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--7. (Amended) The male connector (1) according to claim 4, characterized in that a continuous insulating material (6) is disposed between the conductive members (4) and the core wire (3), with a minimum of insulating material (6) being provided between the cylindrical part of the core wire (3) and the inner surface of the cylindrical conductive members (4).

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10. (Amended) The male connector (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the conductors (5) is connected to the proximal end of the corresponding conductive member (4).